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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO CONGRESS ON PARAGUAY

REF: STATE 46674

FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE  
DECEMBER 31, 1976 MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THE HEARINGS.

A. AN ADDITIONAL 28 POTITICAL PRISONERS HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED.

B. INCLUDED AMONG THOSE RELEASED ARE THREE OF THE  
LONGEST-HELD PRISONERS, IN DETENTION SINCE 1958.

C. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION ON THE  
CURRENT TOTAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, BUT  
IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING RELEASES, BELIEVES THE  
FIGURE 340 CITED IN THE REPORT TO CONGRESS IS TOO  
HIGH.

D. SOME 60 ACCUSED SUBVERSIVES ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS  
OF BEING TRIED IN THE PARAGUAYAN COURTS. THE TEMPO  
OF THE PROCEEDINGS QUICKENED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY,  
1977, WHEN FIVE MORE TRIALS GOT UNDERWAY.

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